



Understanding Weapons of Mass Destruction for Government Managers and Executives

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Overview

ECBC's Homeland Defense Business Unit (HLDBU) applies the knowledge and experience of ECBC to improving weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incident preparedness. The HLDBU offers a workshop to help Government managers and executives understand the nature and threat posed by chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) WMD. This workshop will provide managers with the tools necessary to plan, prepare, protect, and mitigate the effect of a WMD incident on their employees and facilities. The workshop can be customized for a specific facility and delivered in its entirety or delivered in a modular fashion, depending on the facility needs.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop is an 8-hour course designed to provide federal, state, and local agency executives and facility managers an understanding of a WMD incident and its impact on their organization. The workshop is sponsored as an interagency educational session that is taught by CBRNE subject matter experts from ECBC. The interactive workshop employs video clips, case studies, lectures, and discussions. A 2-hour practical planning exercise that applies workshop concepts to real



life situations completes the day. Participants will receive tools to assist in revising emergency plans and procedures. The workshop has the following objectives:

- Provide participants with basic awareness of CBRNE terrorism as well as knowledge of specific CBRNE materials and dissemination devices
- Assess the potential risks from a WMD incident
- Identify signs and symptoms of a CBRNE incident
- Assess the impact of WMD on essential functions and resources
- Provide participants with ways to plan, prepare and protect their employees
- Plan for special considerations of a WMD response
- Develop a strategy for participants to train, exercise, and revise emergency operations plans and procedures

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